

Mr. Brodie,

April 5, 2012

In response to your letter of March 28, 2012 offering an agreement, I will have to decline based on the very unfavorable terms set forth in said agreement. The main point of disagreement is in line (1)...removing ALL prohibited snakes from my residence. As you know, I'm still appealing that citation as unconstitutional and in violation of ex post facto law. Most of the value in my hobby/business is tied up in harmless boa and python snakes.....approximately \$18,000-\$20,000.

I'm already trying to comply with line (2) of your offer.....to reduce the space in my residence devoted to my reptile hobby business.

Line (3).....I have already reduced the number of live rats in my residence by about one third.

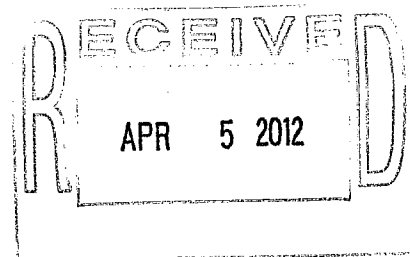
Line (4).....The ammonia smell has already been reduced to a level that is NON DETECTABLE to barely noticeable INSIDE my house. The surrounding neighborhood CANNOT smell ANY odors from my house. The dog park down the block has more objectionable odors emanating from the grounds! This is a NON issue and has already been solved!

So, while I'm already in compliance with line (4), and working on the issues of lines (2) and (3), I'm sorry, but I cannot comply with the demands of line (1).

Thank you,



Scott Nellis



Scott Nellis
4-17-12
Open Mic Statement

This is in response to the open mic session of April 3, 2012. Contrary to what Mr. Marc Nevinski states in the report, only ONE of my questions was partially answered by the three data practice requests that I submitted. The city is refusing to answer any other questions that I submitted at the open mic session of April 3, 2012. Why is this? Please answer the questions. What's the point of having an open mic session for the citizens of Coon Rapids if the staff refuses to answer the questions put forth by the citizens?

Perhaps it's because in the drafting of the amended city code 6-500 at the September 21, 2010 council meeting, an exception was included in 6-501(2) to allow for an existing use to continue after the ordinance takes effect. That's the grandfather clause! But in the final version on section 6-501(2) the language only talks about maintaining cows on plots of 20 acres or more. So how does "allowing for an existing use" get changed to "cows on 20 acres or more"? Please answer that question.

The boa and python snakes that I own were obtained long before September 21, 2010 and would constitute a legitimate "existing use" situation. So how is it that in the previous five months or so of dealing with the city over "illegal" species, the city has NEVER, EVER once offered to grandfather me in under the "existing use" language? This is a direct violation of Constitutional and ex post facto law!

Why is the city pursuing me in direct violation of ex post facto law? Why is the city building inspections department threatening me with building code violations that pertain to commercial or public buildings, NOT private residential buildings? Why was my house raided in October 2011 by no less than 10 people for a violation of soiled rodent litter in the back yard when the use of manure is allowed under city code 8-105 and the snakes I keep are legal under ex post facto law? How many building inspectors does it usually take to inspect code violations...One...Two?

Is city staff that incompetent? I doubt it. But the legal malfeasance and harassment by the city threatening me with code violations that do not apply is

cc: Dave
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blatant discrimination. It painfully obvious that the city does not like snakes and their continued pursuit of me in violation of ex post facto law shows it.

The only reason that I'm given by the city for this action is that it doesn't fit in their 2030 Strategic Vision plan. I believe this is the plan that eventually strips away most of the individual freedoms of the citizens in favor of the "public good". Citizens of Coon Rapids take note, you could be next.

Scott Nellis

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Nellis", written in a cursive style.